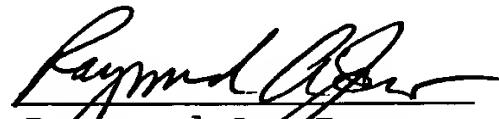


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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION
MAILED NOVEMBER 3, 2004

Sir:

This is a Supplemental Amendment and Reply to the Office Communication mailed November 3, 2004. In the Office Communication mailed November 3, 2004, the Examiner asserts

that the Amendment and Response to Office Action, filed on July 24, 2004, "is not fully responsive" to the Office Action, mailed May 6, 2004.

Applicant submits this Supplemental Amendment and Reply to the Office Communication mailed November 3, 2004, in response to the above-identified Office Communication. Applicant respectfully submits that this Supplemental Amendment and Reply to the Office Communication mailed November 3, 2004 is fully responsive to, and provides a complete reply to, the Office Action mailed May 6, 2004.

Entry of this Supplemental Amendment and Reply to the Office Communication mailed November 3, 2004, as a complete response to, and as a complete reply to, the Office Action mailed May 6, 2004, is respectfully requested.

Based on the following Amendments and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: